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CIA Paid Postal Worker 3G in Mail Spying Here

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Washington, July 24 (News Bureau)—Central Intelligence Director William Colby said in testimony released today that the CIA had paid \$3,000 to a New York City postal worker for looking the other way while agents opened letters bound for foreign countries.

Colby said in the testimony, to a House Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee investigating the 20-year CIA mail-interception program, that the payoff was an "improper act" that had allowed agents to open some 65,000 letters.

The director refused to name the postal employee, who, he said, worked at a facility at Kennedy Airport for 16 years, until 1973.

Smaller Projects Cited

Colby said the case had been referred to the Justice Department.

He said that the agency had engaged in smaller mail-opening

projects in San Francisco, Honolulu and Miami and that Attorney General John N. Mitchell had known about the mail opening.

In another development, Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, asked the Senate today to extend the life of the committee for six months beyond its scheduled expiration in September. Church said the committee had run into "serious and troublesome" delays in obtaining information from the Ford administration.

A Vacation Post Card Took Detour to CIA

Miami, July 24 (UPI)—On March 14, 1972, vacationing John and Pam Swenson sent their neighbors, John and Jane Moulthrop, a post card from Moscow. Instead of going to the Moulthrops, the post card went to a vault at Central Intelligence Agency headquarters.

A photocopy of the post card arrived at the Moulthrops' home yesterday, along with a profuse apology and a blast at the CIA by Postmaster General Benjamin Bailar. Also included was a copy of an apology to Bailar by CIA Director William Colby.

"This is ridiculous," said Moulthrop, an assistant vice president of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

"Don't get me wrong, I don't think the CIA is a superfluous organization. In the kind of world we live in now, it is needed," Moulthrop said. "But I'm not sure surveillance of tourist mail is likely to lead to any great amount of intelligence."